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**JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL
DMC Subcommittee**

Minutes of Electronic Meeting

Origination Site: Lucas State Office Building
321 East 12th Street, Room 208
Des Moines, Iowa

January 13, 2015

Present: Candice Bennett; Kim Cheeks; LaTasha DeLoach; Stephanie Hernandez; Sandy Lint; Kevin McKeever; Stephan Pearson; John Wauters; Sanjita Pradhan

Staff: Steve Michael; Dave Kuker; Scott Musel; Julie Rinker

- **Welcome/Introductions**

In the absence of Wayne Ford, Dave Kuker opened the meeting at 1:08 p.m. A quorum was not present until 1:12 p.m. Agenda items requiring action were addressed at that time.

- **Agenda - Additions/Amendments**

There were no changes to the agenda.

- **Approval of 12-17-14 Meeting Summary**

Candice Bennett moved to approve the minutes from the December meeting, seconded by Kim Cheeks. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **DMC Subcommittee Support for CASP Plan**

Kuker asked the group to provide comments regarding the CASP Plan. A link to the plan was provided with the meeting handouts.

John Wauters moved to support the CASP plan as presented, seconded by Janice Edmonds-Wells. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Selection of Recommendations/Action Steps for DMC Plan and Budget**

- Local DMC Collaboration and Plan Development Effort
- Seating of State-Level Law Enforcement Committee by Department of Public Safety
- State-Level DMC Summit

- Implementation of Electronic Version of DST

Kuker referred to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council's draft DMC-related goal and eight associated objectives. This is the DMC-related section of the JJAC's three-year plan. With the exception of #7 regarding minority impact statements, the objectives are from the CASP plan recommendations. To accomplish these objectives, feedback received via email focused on local planning and training; and implementation of the Detention Screening Tool (DST). He asked the group for comments.

Discussion included:

- Concentrate on successes that have brought DMC to forefront—training, school-to-court curriculum, data, collaboration, funding
- Target efforts to engage support of the Governor, legislators, Attorney General, Chief Justice, Departments of Education and Public Safety—agencies within the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches
- Training is key to achieving buy-in from the above areas
- Could categorize areas: training, leadership buy-in, use of tools, research, sharing information, funding, short and long-term goals, policy changes
- Training and implementation would focus on Iowa communities with higher concentrations of minority populations. When asked about smaller communities, Kuker could provide some guidance.
- Candice Bennett is working with the Chief JCO's to solicit ideas regarding implementing recommendations. She will report back to this group.
- State Court Administration will monitor progress, collect reports and provide accountability. A status report would be issued a year from now.
- Examples of local engagement--
 - Johnson and Linn Counties—key leaders from the schools, law enforcement, and juvenile court attended training at Georgetown University.
 - Black Hawk and Woodbury Counties—Juvenile Court officials have had success working with schools and law enforcement.
- Public Safety will be asked to seat a group of law enforcement officials to address recommendations.
- A funding request for \$100,000 is listed on pages 38-39 of the plan. Some funding would go toward a summit for key state/local leaders and address how they can return to their communities to implement a plan.

There was consensus to focus on state leadership engagement and support for local officials. Kuker agreed to link state-level CASP recommendations to the local level. He will share the information in the next couple of weeks.

Kuker and Steve Michael explained Objective #7—refinement of minority impact legislation. This has been used as a tool for legislators to advise how proposed legislation may affect minorities. Currently, legislators can disregard any impact. DMC Chair Wayne Ford would like to revisit minority impact statements and develop a way to hold legislators accountable.

A brief discussion was held regarding cultural competency training. Kuker noted that the CASP plan has specific recommendations regarding the importance of this training for the courts, law enforcement, schools and Executive Branch agencies. Comments were shared regarding the importance of agencies to budget for the cost of such training. It was suggested that the school-court curriculum be shared with the committee as a potential source for such training.

Janice Edmunds-Wells moved to engage state leadership regarding the CASP recommendations and tie to local planning. Minority impact statements would also be revisited. The motion was seconded by Stephan Pearson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kuker will draft recommendations from the CASP report that fit with the JJAC's priorities and will share the information with members.

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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